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October 1 Crop Production Forecast

Corn production in **Virginia** was forecast at 50.2 million bushels, down 1 percent from the previous crop. Yield was estimated at 162.0 bushels per acre, up 17.0 bushels from the 2014 level. Acres for harvest as grain were estimated at 310,000 acres, down 40,000 acres from 2014. The **U.S.** corn production was forecast at 13.6 billion bushels, down 5 percent from 2014. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 168.0 bushels per acre, down 3.0 bushels from 2014. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 80.7 million acres, up 1 percent from the September forecast but down 3 percent from 2014.

Soybean production for **Virginia** is forecast at 24.2 million bushels, decreased 4 percent from 2014. Yield was estimated at 39.0 bushels per acre, down 0.5 bushels from a year ago. **U.S.** soybean production was forecast at 3.89 billion bushels, down 1 percent from last year. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 47.2 bushels per acre, down 0.3 bushels from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 82.4 million acres, down 1 percent from September but down slightly from 2014.

Virginia cotton production is projected to be 190,000 bales, down 14 percent from last year. Cotton yields are forecast to average 1,086 pounds per acre, down 153 pounds per acre from the previous year. Producers expect to harvest 84,000 acres, down 2,000 acres from 2014. **U.S.** cotton production was forecast at 13.3 million bales, down 18 percent from 2014. Yields are forecast to average 784 pounds per acre, down 54 pounds from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 8.17 million acres, down 13 percent from the previous year.

Peanut farmers in **Virginia** anticipate harvesting 76.0 million pounds for 2015, down 10 percent from last year. Acres expected to be harvested total 19,000 acres, unchanged from last year. Producers expect a yield of 4,000 pounds per acre, down 450 pounds from 2014.

Virginia flue-cured tobacco production was forecast at 48.3 million pounds, down 11 percent from 2014. Yield was projected at 2,300 pounds per acre, down 100 pounds from the 2014 crop. Harvested acreage was estimated at 21,000 acres, down 1,500 acres from last year's crop. For the **U.S.** production was forecast at 468.3 million pounds, down 18 percent from last year. Flue-cured growers plan to harvest 218,300 acres, down 11 percent from 2014. Yields are expected to average 2,145 pounds per acre, down 190 pounds from last year.

Production of **Virginia dark fire-cured** tobacco was forecast at 500,000 pounds, down 31 percent from the previous year. **Burley** tobacco production was forecast at 2.15 million pounds, down 27 percent from last year.

Alfalfa hay production is forecast at 240,000 tons, 6 percent below the 2014 level. **Other hay** production was estimated at 2.42 million tons, down slightly from last year.

**CROP PRODUCTION SUMMARY, October 1
VIRGINIA AND UNITED STATES**

Crops	Area Planted ¹		Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre			Production	
	2014	2015	2014	2015 ²	2014	2015		2014	2015
						Sep 1 ¹	Oct 1 ²		
	VIRGINIA								
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(bushels)	(bushels)	(bushels)	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)
Barley ³⁴	56	46	28	16	79.0	75.0	--	2,212	1,200
Corn ³	500	460	350	310	145.0	157.0	162.0	50,750	50,220
Oats ³⁴	10	12	3	4	78.0	76.0	--	234	304
Soybeans ³	650	630	640	620	39.5	39.0	39.0	25,280	24,180
Wheat, Winter ³⁴	290	260	260	210	68.0	66.0	--	17,680	13,860
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)
Cotton ⁵	87	85	86	84	1,239	1,086	1,086	222	190
Peanuts	19	19	19	19	4,450	3,800	4,000	84,550	76,000
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)
Hay:									
All	--	--	1,175	1,130	2.28	--	--	2,675	--
Alfalfa	--	--	75	80	3.40	--	3.00	255	240
Other, All	--	--	1,100	1,050	2.20	--	2.30	2,420	2,415
	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)
Tobacco:									
All	--	--	24,330	22,550	2,370	2,349	2,259	57,651	50,945
Burley	--	--	1,500	1,300	1,950	1,600	1,650	2,925	2,145
Dark Fire-Cured	--	--	330	250	2,200	2,050	2,000	726	500
Flue-Cured	--	--	22,500	21,000	2,400	2,400	2,300	54,000	48,300
	UNITED STATES								
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(bushels)	(bushels)	(bushels)	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)
Barley ³⁴	3,031	3,558	2,497	3,109	72.7	68.9	--	181,542	214,297
Corn ³	90,597	88,381	83,136	80,664	171.0	167.5	168.0	14,215,532	13,554,923
Oats ³⁴	2,753	3,088	1,035	1,276	67.9	70.2	--	70,232	89,535
Soybeans ³	83,276	83,205	82,591	82,429	47.5	47.1	47.2	3,927,090	3,887,721
Wheat, Winter ³⁴	42,409	39,461	32,299	32,257	42.6	42.5	--	1,377,216	1,370,188
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)
Cotton ⁵	11,037	8,556	9,347	8,166	838	789	784	16,319	13,338
Peanuts	1,354	1,620	1,323	1,582	3,923	3,996	3,997	5,188,665	6,322,500
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)
Hay:									
All	--	--	57,092	56,539	2.45	--	2.52	139,798	142,401
Alfalfa	--	--	18,445	18,337	3.33	--	3.45	61,446	63,214
Other, All	--	--	38,647	38,202	2.03	--	2.07	78,352	79,187
	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)
Tobacco:									
All	--	--	378,360	328,950	2,316	2,136	2,148	876,415	706,602
Burley	--	--	101,500	81,000	2,100	1,875	1,876	213,160	151,985
Dark Fire-Cured	--	--	18,630	17,750	3,175	3,199	3,209	59,146	56,960
Flue-Cured	--	--	245,300	218,300	2,335	2,138	2,145	572,880	468,270

¹ Commodities with estimates not available are denoted by "--". ² Forecasted. ³ Area harvested represents grain. ⁴ Includes area planted in preceding fall. ⁵ Production in 480-lb. net weight bales. U.S. production includes American-Pima cotton.